

WRETCH

make attempts to get one another down without blows, sp. as sport; hard fight *with*, use of force on, something. 2. v.i. Take part in w., have w. (*with, against*). *W. with* (bit of work, etc.), sp., make use of all one's powers on. ('resl).

wretch, n. Unhappy or poor person; bad person. '-ed ('retfid), a. Unhappy or in trouble; of bad quality, poor, unpleasant. (retf).

wrick, v.t., n. Give small twist to muscles of (neck, back etc.). (rik).

'wriggle, v.i. & t., n. Be twisting about, go with snake-like motion; be twisting (body etc.) about. *W. out of* (doing), get out of (doing). ('rigl).

wring (wring), v.t., n. Get (cloth etc.) tightly twisted, crushed together, sp., to get liquid out; get (something out of), from) by force, frequent requests. *Wringing wet*, so wet that water may be wrung out; *w. one's hands*, be gripping them together as sign of being unhappy, troubled; *w. one's heart*, (of one who is unhappy etc.) make one very unhappy about him; *w. out clothes etc.*, w. to get liquid out of; *w. person's hand*, take it in tight grip. (rin ('ran)).

'wrinkle, i. n. Fold, line, in skin of face etc.; mark of same sort in soft material; [Com.] good trick for doing something. 2. v.t. & i. Make, get, ww. in. ('rinkl).

wrist, n. Join of hand and arm. '-let, n. Band put on round wrist, sp. as support or with watch. (rist).

writ, [Law] n. Order in writing in name of authority to do or not to do something in view of process which is being started. *Holy w.*, BIBLE; *serve w. on*, give w. to (person named in it). (rit).

write (wrote, written), v.i. & t. Make signs representative of word(s) on paper etc. with pen, pencil etc.; make (marks), put down (words etc.), by writing; put necessary writing onto (form, cheque etc.); (make up and) put down on paper (book, letter, music etc.); be writer of books etc.; *w. letter* (to); say in writing (*that*). *W. down*, put in writing; put value of (stock etc.) down in accounts, on paper, as less; *w. off*, put down as a loss (old debt, amount of fall in value of plant etc.); *w. out*, w. down in detail; *w. up*, sp., w. about in newspaper etc., gen., making much of. **'writing**, n. Sp., written signs; how a person writes; book or other work of letters. (rait (rout, ritn)).

writhe, v.i. Be twisting or rolling about (as) in great pain; undergo great pain of mind (*at, under*, cruel words etc.). (raið).

wrong, i. a. Opp. right. 2. adv. In the w. way. *Go w.*, become damaged, not in order; get into bad ways. 3. n. Act(s), behaviour, against the rules of right

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behaviour. *Do* (person) *w.*, do something damaging, w., to; *do w.*, do what is w.; *in the w.*, in error, having done something w.; *put* (person) *in the w.*, make him seem in the w. 4. v.t. Do w. to (person); be judging (person) as worse than he is. '-doing, n. Act, behaviour, against the rules of right behaviour. '-ful, a. Without good reason, wrong. (rɔŋ).

wrote. See WRITE.

wroth, [I.et.] a. Angry. (rouθ).

wrought. See WORK.

wrung. See WRING.

wry, a. Twisted, turned to one side. *Make a w. face*, put on look of disgust. (rai).

X

X, Rom. number 10 (*X, x*); sign for amount to be worked out, cause etc. of which one is uncertain. (eks).

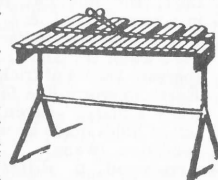
'xebec, n. Small ship with 3 sail-supports, used in Mediterranean Sea. ('zi:bek).

Xmas, n. Short form of the word CHRISTMAS. ('krisməs).

X-ray, n. Sort of short-wave ray able to go through solid bodies, used for medical purposes. ('eks'rei).

'xylonite, n. CELLULOID. ('zailənait).

'xylophone, n. Music instrument formed of wood rods of different sizes producing different notes when given blows or rubbed. ('zailəfoun).



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Y

yacht, i. n. Small sailing-vessel for competition sailing; sailing-ship or ship of other sort kept for owner's pleasure. 2. v.i. Go in y. (jɔt).

yah, int. Used as sign of one's low opinion of person. (ja:).

ya'hoo, n. Low, rough person. (ja:'hu:).

yak, n. Long-haired ox of Tibet. (jak).

yam, n. (Potato-like part, used for food, of) sort of plant of warm countries. (jam).

yank, [Com.] v.t. Give sharp pull to. (jank).

'Yank(ee), [Hum.] n. American of U.S.A. ('jank(i)).

yap, v.i., n. (Make) short sharp noise of small dog. (jap).

'yarrow, n. (In BRIDGE) group of cards given out to player among which

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there is no card higher than a 9. ('ja: bərə).

yard, n. Unit of long measure, equal to 3 feet; such amount of material; arm of wood across MAST, to which top edge of sail is fixed. '-y-arm, n. End of sail yard. (ja:d).

yard, n. Unroofed space outside building, shut in by walls or rails and gen. with stone etc. floor; space used for special purpose (*farmyard, dockyard* etc.).

yarn, n. Thread, sp., thick wool; [Com.] story. (ja:n).

'yarrow, n. Common flowering field-plant. ('ja:rou).

'yashmak, n. Bit of thin material put over lower part of face by Mohammedan women. ('jaʃmak).

yaw, v.i., n. (Of ship) not keep in desired direction. (jɔ:).

yawl, n. Sorts of ship's boat or small sailing-vessel. (jɔ:l).

yawn, i. n. Act of opening mouth widely in uncontrolled way as sign of needing sleep, etc. 2. v.i. Have a y.; be widely open. (jɔ:n).

y'clept, [Old] a. Named. ('iklept).

ye, [Old] pron. Pl. form of you. (ji:).

yea, [Old] int. Yes. (jei).

year, n. Stretch of time from January 1 to December 31; time which earth takes to make one complete turn round sun (about 365½ days); space of time from any day to same day in y. before or after. *Yy.*, sp., yy. for which person has been living; long stretch of time; *y. of grace, of our Lord*, any named y. after birth of Christ. **'y-book**, n. Book coming out every year, giving facts about some special field of interest. **'-ling**, n. Animal between 1 and 2 years old. **'-ly**, a., adv. (Taking place) every year, once in every year, by the year. (jia).

yearn, v.i. Be full of desire (*for* thing, to do). (jæ:n).

yeast, n. Substance produced in the forming of alcohol by certain liquids, used in bread-making. (ji:st).

yell, i. n. Sharp loud cry of pain, pleasure etc. 2. v.i. & t. Give a y.; say in loud voice. (jel).

'yellow, i. a. Of the colour of brass, the middle part of a fowl's egg, a LEMON. *Y. fever*, disease got in very warm countries, in which skin becomes yellow; *y. press*, newspapers giving news in way designed to have strong effect on feelings of readers. 2. n. Y. colour or colouring material. 3. v.i. & t. Become or make y. **'y-(h)ammer**, n. Small bird with yellow head, neck, and front. **'y-jacket**, [Am.] n. WASP, HORNET. ('jelou).

yelp, n., v.i. Dog's cry of pain or pleasure. (jelp).

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yen, n. Japanese money unit, at one time current as bit of silver money. (jen).

'yeoman, n. Owner of small farm, countryman. *Do y.('s) service*, give great help in time of need; *y. of the guard*, BEEF-EATER. **'-ry**, n. Special force of military horsemen not in regular Brit. army. ('jəumən).

yes, i. int. Used in answering that something is so or that one will do something, or as sign that one is in agreement with statement, opp. no. *Yes?* Is that so? What is your business? 2. n. The answer "y." or statement having that sense. (jes).

'yester-, (On) the day etc. before this ('-day, -eve, -morn, -night, -year). ('jestə-).

yet, i. adv. Till now or then, still; again, in addition; some time, before the chance has gone (*will do it y.*); even (*y. older* etc.); though that is so. *Not y.*, not so far, not by this time. 2. conj. But at the same time. (jet).

yew, n. (Wood of) evergreen tree with dark leaves. (ju:).

'Yiddish, n. Form of G. used by Jews of Russia etc. ('jidiʃ).

yield, i. v.t. & i. Give as fruit, profit, outcome; give up (right, thing); give way (to), give up. *Y. to*, sp., be less good than. 2. n. Amount produced, output. **'-ing**, a. Soft; readily giving way. (ji:ld).

'yodel, i. n. Sort of song without words, common in Swiss mountains, in which voice goes up to very high notes. 2. v.i. & t. Give y.; give (song) by yodelling. ('joudl).

'yoga, n. Hindu system of thought and self-control designed for uniting the self with Higher Power. **'yogi**, n. Teacher of, expert in, yoga. ('jougə).

'yo-heave-ho, int. Cry used by sailors when pulling together. ('jou'hi:v'həu).

yoke, i. n. Bit of wood to which plough etc. is fixed, placed across necks of OXEN to keep them together; 2 transport OXEN; condition etc., sp. that of being married, uniting persons; rule, control; y-like structure used by person transporting buckets; top part of dress, skirt etc. to which lower part is fixed. 2. v.t. Put y. on; get joined, united. (jouk).

'yokel, n. Simple countryman. ('joukl).

yolk, n. Yellow part of egg. (jouk).

yon [Let., Old], **'yonder**, a., adv. (Placed) over there, in that direction. (jon, 'jɔndə).



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YORE

- yore**, [Let.] n. Only of y., in the past. (jɔ:).
'yorker, n. (In CRICKET) ball falling straight under BAT. ('jɔ:kə).
you (your, yours), pron. The person(s) talked to; one, any person (y. never know). Yours truly etc., form used for ending letter. -r'self, -r'selves. See SELF. (ju: (juə)).
young, i. a. In early stage of growth or development, opp. old. One's y. man, woman, sp., one's sweetheart; y. blood, younger persons taken into a society etc. to give it new force; y. in, sp., without much experience in; y. ones, dependent offspring. 2. n. pl. Y. animals or persons, y. offspring. With y., about to give birth to offspring. -ster, n. Boy or girl. (jʌŋ).
youth, n. Being young, time when one is coming to full development; young man; young persons. -ful, a. Young or having qualities of youth. (ju:θ).
yule, n. Christmas. 'y.-log, n. One burned on night before Christmas. 'y.-tide, n. Christmas time. (ju:l).

Z

- 'zany**, n. [Hist.] Sort of clown; one who is foolish or feeble-minded. ('zeɪni).
zeal, n. Warm interest, giving of one's best work, for cause etc. -ot ('zelət), n. One with overmuch zeal for cause etc. -ous ('zeləs), a. (zi:l).
'zebra, n. Horse-like animal of Africa, banded with light and dark marks on skin. ('zi:bɹə).
'zebu, n. Cow-like animal in E. India. ('zi:bu:).
ze'nana, n. (In India) part of house in which women are kept. (zi'nana).
'zenith, n. Point of sky straight over one's head; highest point of development, power etc. ('zeniθ).
'zephyr, n. The west wind, soft wind; sorts of thin dress-material. ('zefə).
'Zeppelin, n. G., sp. military, airship. ('zepəlɪn).
zero, n. Number 0, nothing; starting-point on scale of heat-measuring instrument, etc. Z. hour, [Mil.] time fixed for attack. ('ziərou).
zest, n. Great interest or pleasure; pleasing, biting, taste or quality. (zest).
'zeugma, [Lang.] n. Placing of 2 words in the same relation to another which

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- only goes rightly with one of them (with smiling lips and hearts). ('zju:gmə).
'zigzag, i. n. Straight lines joined and forming a number of equal or unequal angles, first one way and then the other; anything in this form. 2. a. Forming a z. 3. adv. In z. direction. 4. v.i. Go z. ('zigzæg).
zinc, n. White metal used for roofing, for coating iron, etc. (zɪŋk).
'zinnia, n. Garden-plant with stiff, bright-coloured flowers. ('ziniə).
'Zionist, n. Supporter of design to make Palestine a country for the Jews. ('zaɪənɪst).
zip, n. Sound like that of ball from gun going quickly through air.

-per, z.-fastener, nn. Apparatus for doing up dress, bag etc., formed of 2 metal bands with teeth which may be locked together by a part slipping up and down on them. (zip).
'zither(n), n. Music instrument with cords and flat sounding-board played resting on table etc. ('ziθə(n)).
'zodiac, n. Band of the sky outside which sun, moon, and great moving stars do not go, marked out into 12 equal divisions having names of 12 groups of stars. The signs of the z., the 12 divisions of the z. used sp. in reading person's future from the stars. ('zouðiæk).
zone, n. Band of colour etc. round something; any one of the 5 divisions, based on degree of heat, into which the earth is marked off (torrid z., frigid zz., temperate zz.); any part of country, earth, a space, marked off by certain conditions or for some purpose (war z., etc.). (zoun).
zoo, [Com.] n. Zoological gardens. (zu:).
zo'ology, n. Natural history of animals, science of their forms, grouping, distribution etc. zoo'logical (zu'ɒlədʒɪkl), a. Sp., z. gardens, place where number of different sorts of living animals are kept and put on view. (zu'ɒlədʒi).
'zoophyte, n. Sorts of plant-like sea-animal. ('zouəfait).
zou'ave, n. Man of F.-Algerian REGIMENT. (zu:'a:v).
zounds, [Old] int. Cry of angry protest. (zaundz).
'Zulu, n., a. (Person, language) of certain black group in S. Africa. ('zu:lu:).

SHORT FORMS

Words printed in great letters are to be turned to in the Dictionary, but in the expansions of the short forms, such print is only used to make clear that a word or word-group is to be turned to as the key to the rest; words in sloping print, if not made clear here, may be seen in the list of words from other languages.

- A.1**, first-rate.
A.A., Automobile Association.
A.B., ABLE-BODIED seaman.
acc., a/c., account.
A.D., ANNO DOMINI.
A.D.C., aide-de-camp.
ad(vt), advertisement.
aet(at), *aetatis* (aet. 7 = 7 years old).
a.m., ANTE MERIDIEM.
anon., anonymous.
A.R.P., Air Raid Precautions (organization against air attack on towns etc.).
Ass(n), Association.
Asst., Assistant (helping the chief).
A.T.S., [Mil.] Auxiliary Territorial Service (Women's force).
A.V., Authorized Version (the BIBLE as put into English in 1611).
b., birth.
B.A., BACHELOR of Arts (university DEGREE).
Bart., Bt., Baronet.
B.B.C., British Broadcasting Corporation.
B.C., before Christ (in numbering years).
B.E.F., British Expeditionary Force (army sent overseas).
B.M.A., British Medical Association.
B.Mus., Bachelor of Music (university DEGREE).
Bros., Brothers (in names of companies).
B.Sc., BACHELOR of Science (university DEGREE).
C.3, not healthy enough for army, etc.
c., cent(s); chapter.
C., centigrade.
Cantab., of Cambridge.
cap., caput (CHAPTER).
Capt., Captain.
C.B., confinement to barracks (military punishment).
cf., see for comparison.
ch(ap), chapter.
C.I.D., Criminal Investigation Department (of London Police).
c.i.f., cost, insurance, and freight (used in trade).
C.I.G.S., [Mil.] Chief of Imperial General Staff.
C.-in-C., [Mil.] Commander-in-Chief.
circ., CIRCA.
Co., Company; COUNTY (of Ireland).
C.O., Colonial Office; [Mil.] commanding officer; CONSCIENTIOUS objector.
c/o, care of (put on outside of letters etc.).
C.O.D., CASH on delivery.
Col., Colonel.
Co-op., CO-OPERATIVE society.

- cp.**, see for comparison.
Cpl., Corporal.
cr., creditor (in bookkeeping).
cwt., hundredweight(s).
d., death; penny, pennies.
D.C.M., [Mil.] Distinguished-Conduct Medal.
D.D., Doctor of Divinity (university DEGREE).
dept., department.
D.F.C., D.F.M., [Mil.] Distinguished Flying Cross, Medal.
D.Lit., Doctor of Literature (university DEGREE).
do., ditto.
D.O.R.A., Defence of the Realm Act (limiting hours of trade, etc.).
doz., dozen(s).
dr., debtor.
Dr., doctor.
D.Sc., Doctor of Science (university DEGREE).
D.S.C., D.S.M., D.S.O., [Mil.] Distinguished Service Cross, Medal, Order.
D.V., *Deo volente*.
dwt., pennyweight(s).
E., east.
e.g., *exempli gratia* (for example).
E.P.D., Excess Profits Duty (tax on war profits).
Esq., Esquire.
etc., ET CETERA.
et seq., et sequentia (and what comes after).
exam., examination.
F(ahr), Fahrenheit.
f., ff., [Mus.] *forte, fortissimo* (loud, very loud).
fig., FIGURE (= map, design, etc.).
fl(or), *floruit* (was living, in existence).
f.o.b., free on board (used in trade).
F.P., fire plug (= HYDRANT).
Fr., Father (used before name of PRIEST).
F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Surgeons.
F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal Society.
ft., foot, feet (measure).
gal., gallon(s).
G.B., Great Britain.
G.C.M., [Math.] greatest common measure.
Gen., [Mil.] General.
G.H.Q., [Mil.] General Headquarters.
G.M.T., Greenwich mean time (as measured at Greenwich, used in England).
G.O.C., [Mil.] General Officer Commanding.
G.P.O., General Post Office.
gr., grain(s) (weight).
H.B.M., His or Her Britannic MAJESTY.
H.C.F., [Math.] highest common factor.